



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** March 16, 2007

**Meeting Location:** Dubois County DCs  
611 Bartley Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

**Council Members Present:** Susan Lesko, Leslie Rowland, Bonita Mattingly, Lisa Bowles, Georgann Gogel, Amy Smith, David Galloway

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Weikert, Connie Branch

**Others In Attendance:** Herbert Gordon, Lana Tobin, Natalie Kassenbrock, Kris Mann

<h3><b>Meeting Minutes</b></h3>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:00 A.M.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as stated.
2. Natalie and Kris with Ireland and Luzio gave an update of Community Partners. As of March 14, 2007 there are 7 open cases. Seven new referrals were made the previous month, 4 of these were serviced. Of these referrals, three came from Daviess County, one from Dubois, one from Martine and two came from Perry County. A homemaker was assigned to three cases and a home based caseworker was assigned to one case. Sources of referrals include Daviess County DCS, Martin County DCS, Samaritan Center, Southern Hills and Perry County DCS. Community Partners has not had to turn down any referrals.
3. The Council then held a discussion about the low numbers. It was decided the Council needed to do more PR. It was decided that Natalie and/or Kris

would meet with Child Protection Teams. DCS directors were also encouraged to meet with their local Judges school personnel especially the social workers and principals. The brochures are at the printers and will be available for distribution soon.

4. Leslie Rowland gave an update on Practice Reform for Region 17. Directors, supervisors, and peer coaches recently received training on teaming and engaging. Child and Family Team meetings were explained and discussed. These meetings will be different than our current case conferences as the family will decide who will attend the meeting. The only non-negotiable person at the meeting will be the FCM. Regions that have all ready rolled out are very enthusiastic about the CFT meetings.
5. Strategic planning was discussed. During the next several months Region 17 will be developing a strategic plan on safety, well being and permanency.
6. A request for funds was made. Georgann Gogel asked for approval for each county in Region 17 to spend \$500.00 on educational materials out of their CW funds. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** April 10, 2007 Dubois County DCS, located at 611 Bartley Street, Jasper, IN. The meeting will start at 8:00 A.M. Dubois County time.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:30 A.M.